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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/5 of 8 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as its resolution 55/211 of 20 December 2000, on cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social or humanitarian nature,

Recalling further the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the Charter signed at the summit meeting at Yalta, Ukraine, on 5 June 1998, which entered into force on 1 May 1999 thus transforming the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization into a regional economic organization with an international legal identity, as well as the declarations adopted by the heads of State or Government at the summit meetings held at Istanbul on 17 November 1999 and 25 June 2002,

Recognizing that any dispute or conflict in the region impedes cooperation and stressing the need to solve such dispute or conflict on the basis of the norms and principles of international law,

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Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/211,[1]

1. *Welcomes* the results of the Summit meeting of heads of State or Government of the member States of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, held at Istanbul on 25 June 2002;

2. *Encourages* efforts within the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to consider ways and means of enhancing its contribution to the strengthening of security and stability in the region;

3. *Welcomes* the activities of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at strengthening regional cooperation in various fields, such as trade and economic development, banking and finance, communications, energy, transport, agriculture and agro-industry, health care and pharmaceuticals, environmental protection, tourism, science and technology, exchange of statistical data and economic information, collaboration among Customs, combating organized crime and illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons and radioactive material, all acts of terrorism and illegal migration or in any other related area;

4. *Welcomes also* the adoption of the Economic Agenda of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and its implementation, as well as the decision on the establishment of the Project Development Fund of the organization;

5. *Encourages* the cooperation established between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and other regional organizations and initiatives such as the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Central European Initiative, the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative and the South-East Europe Cooperation Initiative, and expresses its appreciation of the results of the coordinating meeting of these regional institutions;

6. *Welcomes further* the signing on 2 July 2001 of the cooperation agreement between the Economic Commission for Europe and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the support provided by the Commission to the activities of the organization in the fields provided for in the aforementioned cooperation agreement;

7. *Welcomes* the signing of the cooperation agreement between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation, at Istanbul on 20 February 2002, and the support provided by the Programme to the activities of the organization;

8. *Welcomes also* the cooperation and coordination between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as the financial support provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization project on institutional strengthening to facilitate intraregional and interregional agricultural trade among member States;

[1] A/57/87.

9. *Welcomes further* the cooperation between the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in the elaboration of the joint venture model contracts for small and medium-sized enterprises;

10. *Takes note* of the importance attached by the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to the strengthening of relations with the European Union and supports the efforts of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the organization to undertake concrete steps to advance this cooperation;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue to consult with the Secretary-General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization with a view to promoting cooperation and coordination between two secretariats;

12. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Secretary-General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in order to continue consultations and programmes with that organization and its associated institutions for the attainment of their objectives;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization".